

**LESSON TITLE:** War, Policy, and Strategy Fall Extension: Future War (Wargaming)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. James Lacey

**LESSON HOURS:**

| Lecture | Seminar | Prac App | Field Study | Exam | PSPT | Total |
|---------|---------|----------|-------------|------|------|-------|
|         | 20      |          |             |      | 100  | 120   |

**INTRODUCTION:** War, Policy, and Strategy (WPS) Advanced Study Program (ASP) Fall Extension (8701) consists of five multiday modules. A seminar meeting concludes each module.

The extension explores the probable nature, character, and practice of future warfare to include hybrid/grey zone but will focus on major inter-state conflicts with a military peer.

In each of a series of connected modules students examine these wars through various lenses – military, economic, societal, political, and diplomatic, with a keen eye on how technology will drive the course of war preparation and fighting.

**The course will emphasize the use of wargames** to examine possible future concepts with China and/or Russia. Preparation for these games may include reading assigned books, official releases, and journal articles pertaining to future warfare.

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

1. Develop a thorough understanding of technology in driving the future of joint warfare, including the Third Offset and the ideas behind Multi-Domain Battle. (ASP3; WPS1, WPS2, WPS3, WPS4)

2. Evaluate how the rapidly changing operational environment will affect future war along the entire spectrum of conflict. (ASP1, ASP2, ASP3; WPS2, WPS3, WPS4)

3. Evaluate the capacity of the national finance and the economic base to support future war across the entire spectrum of conflict. (ASP1, ASP2, ASP3; WPS1, WPS2, WPS3, WPS4)

**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:** Students are expected to read rules and other reading material in their entirety before each seminar (unless modified by the professor). This is the minimum reading requirement. Students are, however, encouraged to dig deeper into the various topics.

Twenty-four hours will be devoted to each meeting: sixteen hours will be research and writing time (if required... this will be very short papers of insights and thoughts about future warfare). We will devote four (+) hours to each seminar meeting itself (gaming). Students are expected to arrive at each seminar fully prepared and ready to engage in various simulated conflicts.

There is no reason that all or any of these classes have to be conducted on Quantico. Students are encouraged to discuss and agree on alternate venues for these seminars. The budget will not allow for government funded field studies, but if you want to travel on your own dime go for it -- ideas might include, restaurants, barbecues, visit local battlefields, etc.

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This is a PhD level elective! As such most of the class is driven by the students. That means every student must use all of the available preparation time to truly prepare. The Professor's job at this level is to guide the group as it ponders the enduring lessons of war. In truth, if you are not ready to participate in your own learning and the shaping of other's thoughts and learning experiences then may I advise selecting a different ASP.

I will outline the writing requirements in our first session. My intent is to keep them very light.

***Class 1, Future War I***

**Read (1)** GMT Games. 2017. *Next War: Poland* ~ Standard Series Rules. Hanford, CA: GMT Games.

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**Read (2)** GMT Games. 2017. *Next War: Poland* ~ Standard and Advanced Series Rules. Hanford, CA: GMT Games.

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***Class 2, Future War II***

***Class 3, Future War III***

***Class 4, Future War IV***

**Read** Compass Games. 2017. *South China Sea Rules Booklet*. Rocky Hill, CT: Compass Games. [https://issuu.com/consimworld/docs/southchinasea\\_rules\\_1.3\\_final\\_r](https://issuu.com/consimworld/docs/southchinasea_rules_1.3_final_r) **(Live Link)**

***Class 5, Future War V***

**EVALUATION:** For 8701, **EFFECTIVE** class participation is 95 percent of the grade. The cumulative writing grades will determine the rest of your grade.